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LOK SABHA

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PERFORMANCES AT COMMONWEALTH AND ASIAN GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many athelets who performed excellent in the Commonwealth Games could not win even Bronze Medal at Busan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to prepare the sports persons for the next Olympic Games and also encouraging the young and promising/talented but poor sportspersons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. This is, primarily, because of the fact that with the participation of China, Japan, Korea and the CIS countries,the level of competition in the Asian Games is much higher, as compared to that of the Commonwealth Games.

(c) The preparation for major multi-disciplinary events, including Olympic Games,is an on-going process. However, in the present sports management set up, at the international, as well as, the national level - promotion of sports, largely, falls in the domain of the Sports Federations.

Insofar as Government of India is concerned, inorder to prepare the Indian teams for participation in major international events, such as, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games, Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) are finalized in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations, former-international sportspersonsand training method experts. Besides that, the probables are provided with required scientific and equipment support, coaching by Indian and foreign coaches in Coaching Camps and assistance to participate in international tournaments.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to Promising Sportspersons and Supporting Personnel, assistance is provided to promising sportspersons for training and participation in tournaments abroad, for purchase of equipment for scientific support and for training and participation in tournaments in the country. The assistance, given under this Scheme, is aimed at winning medals in major multidisciplinary events.